

**Introduced by Senator Aanestad**

February 14, 2007

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An act to amend Section 14000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health care.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 253, as introduced, Aanestad. Health care.

Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program by the State Department of Health Services, under which basic health care services are provided to qualified low-income persons.

Existing law states the intent of the Legislature to provide basic health care and related remedial or preventive services to individuals qualifying under the Medi-Cal program.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that statement of intent.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 14000 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2     Code is amended to read:
- 3     14000. The purpose of this chapter is to afford to qualifying
- 4     individuals health care and related remedial or preventive services,
- 5     including related social services which are necessary for those
- 6     receiving health care under this chapter.
- 7     The intent of the Legislature is to provide, to the extent
- 8     practicable, through the provisions of this chapter, for health care
- 9     for those aged and other persons, including family persons who

1 lack sufficient annual income to meet the costs of health care, and  
2 whose other assets are so limited that their application toward the  
3 costs of ~~such~~ *that* care would jeopardize the person or family's  
4 future minimum self-maintenance and security. It is intended that  
5 whenever possible and feasible:

6 (a) The means employed shall allow, to the extent practicable,  
7 eligible persons to secure health care in the same manner employed  
8 by the public generally, and without discrimination or segregation  
9 based purely on their economic disability. The means employed  
10 shall include an emphasis on efforts to arrange and encourage  
11 access to health care through enrollment in organized, managed  
12 care plans of the type available to the general public.

13 (b) The benefits available under this chapter shall not duplicate  
14 those provided under other federal or state laws or under other  
15 contractual or legal entitlements of the person or persons receiving  
16 them.

17 (c) In the administration of this chapter and in establishing the  
18 means to be used to provide access to health care to persons eligible  
19 under this chapter, the department shall emphasize and take  
20 advantage of both the efficient organization and ready accessibility  
21 and availability of health care facilities and resources through  
22 enrollment in managed health care plans and new and innovative  
23 fee-for-service managed health care plan approaches to the delivery  
24 of health care services.